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A BILL

To further amend section 1 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 and to repeal certain provisions relating to the transportation and storage of household goods and personal effects of officers and employees of the Government including members of the uniformed services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 1 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 806) as amended (64 Stat. 985, 5 U.S.C. 73b-1), is further amended by (1) striking the words "temporary storage," and (2) by striking the words contained in the second parentheses and substituting therefor the following: "not to exceed seven thousand pounds, if uncrated, or eight thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, if crated, for transfers within the continental United States; or ten thousand pounds, if uncrated, or fourteen thousand pounds, if crated, for transfers to, within, or from the Territories and Possessions of the United States or foreign countries, or the equivalent of such amounts when transportation charges are based on cubic measurement."

(b) Four new subsections are added at the end of said section as follows:

"(e) Notwithstanding the second proviso in subsection (a), the weight limitations applicable to household goods and personal effects as contained in said subsection as herein amended shall also apply, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, to authorized transportation of furniture, household goods and personal effects (including professional books, papers and equipment) of officers and employees of the Foreign Service under the provisions

of section 911 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (22 U.S.C. 1136), members and deceased members of the uniformed services under the provisions of section 303(c) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (37 U.S.C. 253(c)), and deceased civilian officers and employees under the Act of July 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 743, 744; 5 U.S.C. 103a and b): Provided, That any such officer or employee or member of the uniformed services whose official duty station is outside the continental limits of the United States on the effective date of this subsection may be allowed for three years thereafter (or until returned to the United States, if sooner) expenses of transportation of furniture, household goods, a privately owned automobile, professional books, papers, equipment and personal effects within weight limitations, and under laws and regulations, in effect at the time of his transfer from an official duty station within the continental United States to an official duty station outside the continental United States, in any case where such property is located at or en route to a point outside the continental United States on such effective date: Provided further, That such individual may be allowed within said three years return transportation expenses for as much thereof as may be necessary to bring the balance of such property remaining overseas within the limitations of subsections (a) and (g) hereof."

"(f) A civilian officer or employee, an officer or employee of the Foreign Service or member of the uniformed services upon change of permanent duty station to or from a location, or between locations, outside of the continental United States may be reimbursed under such regulations as the President may prescribe, the cost of storing his furniture, household goods, and personal effects, including professional books, papers and equipment (the weight thereof not to exceed the amount of the authorized weight allowance under subsection (a) hereof or under the proviso in subsection (e) hereof, whichever may be applicable) upon first arrival at such location for a period not to exceed three months after such first arrival or until establishment of residence quarters, whichever shall be shorter, or whenever he is required for reasons beyond his control to effect such storage or where such storage is authorized or approved by the Secretary of the department or head of the agency concerned as a means of avoiding the cost of transporting such effects to the new permanent duty station."

"(g) The Secretaries of the respective departments and heads of agencies may transport for or on behalf of an officer or employee of his department or agency, including members of the uniformed services, one privately owned automobile upon a determination by the Secretary or agency head concerned that it is in the interests of the United States for such officer or employee to have the use of the automobile at an official duty station outside the continental

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limits of the United States and that its transportation by water, rail or air is necessary for any part of the distance between points of origin and destination: Provided That, in the absence of such determination the automobile may nevertheless be so transported when the combined shipping weight of the automobile and of the household goods and personal effects, including professional books, papers, and equipment does not exceed the weight limitation of 14,000 pounds prescribed in subsection (a) hereof."

"(h) The provisions of subsection (b) shall also apply to authorized transportation of baggage and household effects (including professional books, papers and equipment) of members of the uniformed services under the provisions of section 303(c) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (37 U.S.C. 253(c)) and of officers and employees of the Foreign Service under the provisions of section 911 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (22 U.S.C. 1136)."

Sec. 2. There are hereby repealed--

(a) Section 303(c) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 802; 37 U.S.C. 253(c)) insofar as it authorizes the Secretaries concerned to establish maximum weight limitations for the transportation, as defined therein, of baggage and household effects (including professional books, papers and equipment) of members of the uniformed services, to provide for storage thereof, and to pay for such transportation in connection with a change of station between points within the continental United States on other than the commuted basis provided

for in subsection (b) of section 1 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C.

73b-1(b));

(b) Section 617 of the Act of October 29, 1949 (63 Stat. 1020, 10 U.S.C. 825);

(c) Section 30 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 857, 34 U.S.C. 898);

(d) Sections 911 and 913 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1027; 22 U.S.C. 1136, 1138), insofar as they authorize the Secretary of State to establish maximum weight limitations for the transportation of furniture, and household and personal effects of, to provide for the storage thereof, to pay for the cost of transporting automobiles of, officers and employees of the Foreign Service of the United States, and insofar as they authorize the Secretary of State to pay for the transportation of furniture, and household and personal effects in connection with a change of station between points within the continental United States on other than the commuted basis provided for in subsection (b) of section 1 of the Act of August 2, 1946, cited above;

(e) That part of title III of the Act of February 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 20) as amended (37 U.S.C. 112c) which authorizes transportation of dependents and household effects of civilian personnel of the Naval establishment stationed outside continental United States;

(f) Section 1 of the Act of July 8, 1940 (54 Stat. 743; 5 U.S.C. 103a) insofar as it authorizes the President to establish maximum weight limitations for transportation of household effects and other personal property;

(g) The proviso contained in section 209 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 405; 5 U.S.C. 73c);

(h) Section 629 of the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1954 (Public Law 179, 83d Congress);

(i) The last proviso in section 102 of the Mutual Security Appropriation Act, 1954 (Public Law 218, 83d Congress); and

(j) All other Acts, general or specific, which are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of section 1 hereof are modified, but only to the extent of inconsistency or conflict with the provisions of said section: Provided, That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as modifying the provisions of the Act of June 29, 1949 (63 Stat. 208; 50 U.S.C. 403-403j). *No!!!*

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar month following enactment hereof.